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1. ACCORDING TO RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION OFFICIAL, LATEST
ROUND OF EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS, WHICH
TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 20, HAD MADE SOME PROGRESS IN NARROW-
ING LIST OF PRODUCTS FOR WHICH IRAN IS SEEKING PREFERENTIAL
ACCESS TO EC MARKETS. EC SIDE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT
NEARLY ALL IRANIAN INTERESTS CAN BE MET THROUGH EXISTING
BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER EC GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFER-
ENCES OR THROUGH RELATIVELY MINOR MODIFICATIONS OF THAT
SYSTEM. ON ALUMINUM INGOTS, EC REPEATED POSITION THAT
INCLUSION ON GSP LIST IS NOT POSSIBLE; OTHER ALUMINUM
PRODUCTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. ON REFINED PETROLEUM PRO-
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DUCTS, IRANIANS HAVE APPARENTLY SCALED DOWN LEVEL OF EX-
PECTED EXPORTS TO AN AMOUNT COMMISSION BELIEVES IT CAN
PROBABLY CONVINCE MEMBER STATES TO ABSORB UNDER GSP.
SIMILAR OUTCOME MAY BE POSSIBLE ON STEEL PRODUCTS WHERE
COMMISSION SOURCE INDICATED BELIEF THAT EVENTUAL IRANIAN
EXPORTS WILL BE AT SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER LEVELS THAN PRESENT
GOI ESTIMATES. COMMISSION EXPECTS TO HEAR FROM GOI WITHIN

NEXT FEW WEEKS ABOUT RESUMPTION OF TALKS, MOST PROBABLY STILL AT WORKING LEVEL. IF IRANIANS ACCEPT GSP APPROACH ON TRADE QUESTIONS, WORK CAN THEN PROCEED ON DRAFTING OF NON-PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT.

2. COMMISSION SOURCE SAID EC OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT GOI MAY BE BECOMING ANXIOUS, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT AND MAY THEREFORE BE WILLING TO DROP LONG-STANDING EFFORT TO OBTAIN PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT. HINTON

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